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28 May 62

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] DPD

SUBJECT: Trip Report

1. During the week of 21 May - 26 May 62, the undersigned visited the following facilities:

25X1A a. Laughlin AFB, Del Rio, Texas

b. [REDACTED]

25X1A c. Edwards AFB, Calif.

25X1A d. [REDACTED]

Time spent at Laughlin and [REDACTED] was concerned with observations and participation in staging operations of a headquarters' directed Idealist mission.

2. The purpose of the Edwards AFB visit was to observe existing facilities for crew management, and to discuss possibilities for construction of facilities to enhance more appropriate and more adequate crew control procedures. Recommendations as a result of these meetings will be the subject of a subsequent memo.

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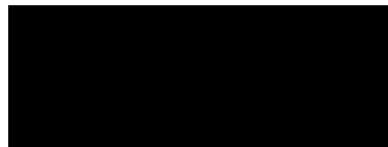
3. During the time at [REDACTED] only one live jump was observed. This was accomplished on Wednesday, 23 May 62. The jump was made from 25,000 feet by Capt. Harry Collins, USAF, from the B-66 drop plane used in previous dummy drops. According to reports from Capt. Collins and observations of the undersigned, all systems of the parachute assembly functioned with as near perfection as could be expected. Opening force of the first stage stabilization chute -- the 78 inch, fist ribbon, hemisflo -- was acceptable, and considered well within comfortable, tolerable limits. Revolutions per minute, and rate of descent were within safe ranges. The drogue chute opened at 25,000 feet. A fall to 5,800 feet was made on the drogue in 68 seconds. Only 6-8 turns were recorded. The main chute was opened at 5,800 feet.

4. The seat kit pan functioned perfectly, dropping away on the 25 foot lanyard, as anticipated. There was no structural damage to the pack on this jump; however, because of previous splitting of kits on impact with the ground, a slight revision has been proposed. This involves a hinging of the entire anterior or forward section of the pan instead of the present hinging of the two outer surfaces, alone. This revision will involve no basic change in structural design.

5. Jumps scheduled on Thursday, 24 May, and Friday, 25 May, were cancelled because of high winds. According to Capt. Collins, 15-16 more live jumps remain to be done as of this date.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Jump Procedures and ARS Manuals

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1. In support of [REDACTED] requirements, [REDACTED] was requested by telephone on 22 May 62 to provide the following to Project Headquarters:

a. HH3B helicopter jump procedures to include minimum and maximum airspeeds, hook-up point for static lines and recommended door exit.

b. Air Rescue Service manuals 55-1 and 55-4 with all subsequent changes thereto.

2. It was also requested that AFCIG-5 arrange for the distribution to Project Headquarters of any future changes to subject procedures and manuals.

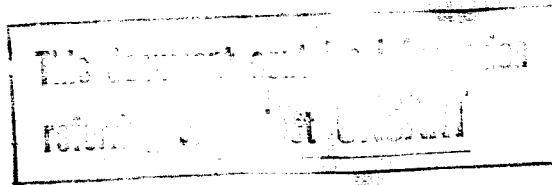
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Technical Representatives - Perkin Elmer

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1. On 5 April 1962, the undersigned in the company of [REDACTED] met with PE representatives, Messrs. [REDACTED] at the downtown [REDACTED]

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2. The significant points developed were:

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a. PE's policy provides that any employee assigned away from the home plant for more than six months must be placed under contract;

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b. The contract terms will be identical to those found in the IDEA tech rep contract which provides a [REDACTED] premium over plant pay. This is made up by a [REDACTED] built in overtime factor (45 hour week) and a [REDACTED] field service bonus, with the remaining [REDACTED] covering miscellaneous;

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c. PE will not pay overtime as such nor will they be concerned with layovers or holdovers. If overtime (up and beyond the built in 5 hours per week) runs to an excessive amount we might be in for some contract adjustment.

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